



City of Kansas City, Missouri Job Class Specification

Job Title: CITY FORESTER

Department: PARKS & REC

Job Code: 5731

Status: EXEMPT

Grade: ME-F

Summary

This is supervisory and professional forestry work in directing the care and maintenance of trees on municipal streets, boulevards, and related areas.

Work involves responsibility for planning, assigning, and supervising the planting, care, and maintenance of trees in the municipal parks, on city streets and boulevards, and in the nursery. Work includes responsibility for inspecting trees for disease or insect pests and for using technical judgment and knowledge in preservative, preventive, and curative treatment methods to guarantee proper growth and protection from injury and blight.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plans, assigns, and supervises the work of tree crews engaged in planting, maintenance, and removal of trees along city streets, boulevards, and the park system.
- Confers with utility companies concerning the clearing of limbs or the removal of trees obstructing utility lines; consults with contractors and the general public on tree removal in relation to curbs and sidewalk repair and in matters relating to tree diseases.
- Plans and supervises the activities of a tree nursery and the personnel engaged therein; selects and orders nursery stock and equipment which is purchased from private vendors.
- Supervises preparation of greenhouse benches and cold frames for propagation of new growth; selects materials to be gathered for cuttings; grafts and buds plants for propagation.
- Assists in programs for the control of arboreal diseases; attends and speaks at public meetings; requisitions tools, supplies, and other materials and makes reports on varied aspects of work accomplished.
- Performs related duties as required.

Technical Skills

Thorough knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of forestry and arboriculture, particularly as applied to planting, care, and maintenance of trees.
- Methods, materials, and care and use of tools and equipment used in tree trimming, spraying, and general tree care.
- The operation and supervision of a tree nursery.

Considerable knowledge of:

- The occupational hazards of tree trimming work and necessary safety precautions to be taken.

Ability to:

- Determine the presence of disease or harmful insects, to diagnose cause and to determine proper preventive or curative steps for control.
- Care for young trees and other plants and perform duties necessary to their healthy growth.
- Establish and maintain harmonious relationships with employees, city officials, and the general public.

Education and Experience

Accredited Bachelor's degree with major course work in horticulture, forestry or a related field and three (3) years professional experience in forestry or nursery work, including one (1) year in a supervisory capacity.

**Certificates/
Licenses/Special
Requirements**

May be required to pass a preemployment drug screen.

**Supervisory
Responsibility**

Supervision is exercised over a large force of personnel engaged in tree maintenance work.

**Supervision
Received**

Work is performed under the general direction of an administrative superior.

Note: This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as may be required. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities. The City of Kansas City has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not to be construed as a contract for employment.

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